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George, Paige:

We heard from AMC Command Counsels Office today. Mr. German received a response from the Army's Office of General Counsel, Ms. Wright, that she has been advised by DoD Office of General Counsel there is no delegation of the Secretary of Defense's authorities established under 10 USC 2692 (b)(3). The authority under 10 USC 2692 (b)(3) remains at the Secretary of Defense level. Ms. Wright was advised that if the State of Louisiana wants to seek an approval and an agreement under 2692(b)(3), they should prepare a justification and offer an agreement in compliance with this statutory provision, and it can be sent up to DoD through the Army chain of command with recommendations. Ms. Wright also opined this will not be a quick process, and the State of Louisiana should be looking at all available alternatives, both because that is an element of this subsection of the law and because it would provide them quicker options.

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